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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request  
Case No. AT-CA-14-0673

Dear Mr. Davis:

This responds to your request of April 16, 2015, whereby you requested certain information under the Freedom of Information Act (the FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. Specifically, you have requested a copy of the Agency's response in Case No. AT-CA-14-0673. For the reasons stated below, I must deny your request.

The information you have requested cannot be provided because such documents are protected from disclosure by Exemption 7(D), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(D). Exemption 7(D) protects from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to identify a confidential source. *See McDonnell v. United States*, 4 F.3d 1227, 1258 (3rd Cir. 1993); *U.S. Dep't of Justice v. Landano*, 508 U.S. 165, 171-176 (1993). "A source should be deemed confidential if the source furnished information with the understanding that the [agency] would not divulge the communication except to the extent . . . thought necessary for law enforcement purposes." *Id.* at 174. *See also, Ortiz v. HHS*, 70 F.3d 729, 733 (2d Cir. 1995) (*cert. denied*, 517 U.S. 1136 (1996)).

I am responsible for this determination on your request. Under § 2411.10(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Authority, you may obtain a review of this determination by filing a written appeal of my determination within thirty (30) days after receipt of this response. You should file the appeal with the Office of the General Counsel, 1400 K Street NW, Second Floor, Washington, D.C. 20424-0001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard S. Jones".

Richard S. Jones  
Regional Director

Enclosures

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